

CONSTITUTION  
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BYE-LAWS  
OF THE  
Neptune Rowing Club  
ST. JOHN, N. B.

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As Adopted April 28th, 1900, and Amended March 29th, 1901,  
and April 12th, 1902.

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ROOMS : NO. 35 CHARLOTTE STREET.

BOAT HOUSE : JOHNSON'S WHARF.



# CONSTITUTION.

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## *ARTICLE I.—NAME.*

The name of this Club shall be the "Neptune Rowing Club."

## *ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.*

The object shall be the encouragement of all amateur sports, especially aquatics.

## *ARTICLE III.—BADGE.*

The Club colours shall be Red and White.

## *ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.*

The Membership shall be limited to amateurs, as defined by the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association.

## *ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS.*

The Officers shall be a President, Two Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain, who with seven other members shall constitute the Managing Committee, to be elected annually except where at the Annual Meeting of the Club it shall be decided to join the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, the person elected to the offices of Secretary and Treasurer to perform the duties of both offices; only full members being eligible for election.

*ARTICLE VI.—AUDITORS.*

(a). Two Auditors shall be appointed at a meeting of the Club at least one month prior to the Annual Meeting in each year, to whom the Treasurer shall hand his books, together with vouchers for all disbursements, at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting.

(b). The Auditors shall thereupon have a financial statement printed, and a copy thereof sent to each member at least one week before the Annual Meeting.

*ARTICLE VII.—TRUSTEES.*

Two Trustees shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, in whom shall be vested all the property of the Club.

*ARTICLE VIII.—AMENDMENTS.*

This Constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose, or at any general meeting, the proposed amendments having first been submitted to the Managing Committee and posted in the Rooms, and also in the Boat House during the rowing season, for two weeks prior to such meeting.

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### *I. — MEETINGS.*

Section A. The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held on the Second Saturday in April at eight o'clock, p.m. for the election of officers, and the transaction of general business.

Section B. A meeting of the Club may be called whenever the Managing Committee shall deem it expedient, or whenever the President or either of the Vice-Presidents shall be desired to call one by the written request of ten members, setting forth the purpose therefor. At least three days notice by post, or through the medium of the press, shall be given to members of any such meeting.

Section C. A quorum shall consist of eleven members.

Section D. Order of business at all meetings shall be as follows :

1. Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Reports.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Communications.
5. Payment of subscriptions.
6. Election of Officers
7. New business.
8. Adjournment.

## *II.—MEETING OF COMMITTEES.*

The Managing Committee, of whom five shall form a quorum, shall hold meetings at least fortnightly at the call of the Chair.

## *III.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.*

Section A. The Officers and Managing Committee shall be elected at the Annual Meeting by ballot.

Section B. Any member in writing may nominate one member for each office, and seven members for the Managing Committee. This written nomination, over the member's signature, must be delivered to the Secretary not later than the last Saturday before the Annual Meeting, nor earlier than one fortnight prior to such last Saturday. The Secretary shall post up in the Club Rooms the names of those nominated, and shall also, as soon as possible, notify, in writing, such Members that they have been so nominated.

Section C. Vacancies among the Officers or in the Managing Committee may be filled at any general meeting of the Club. Nominations in writing, as provided in Section B of this Article, must be delivered to the Secretary not later than seven days prior to such meeting.

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Section D. Should any vacancies occur in the list of nominations, the Managing Committee shall have up to twelve o'clock of the third day preceding the meeting of the Club, the power to fill by formal resolution any such vacancy, and this resolution with the names of those thus nominated shall be posted in the Club Rooms.

Section E. Should any officer or member of the Managing Committee be absent from three successive meetings of the Committee without reasonable excuse, his office or place may be declared vacant by the President on a majority vote of the Managing Committee present at any meeting, and be filled as provided.

#### *IV.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.*

Section A. The Managing Committee shall enforce obedience to the Constitution, Bye-Laws and Rules. They shall make or authorise all necessary contracts and purchases, and shall employ any necessary attendants. At the Annual Meeting they, through the Secretary, shall make a full report of their proceedings during the year, and recommend such measures as they deem advisable. They shall appoint, from among the Rowing Members, Six Mates to assist the Captain at the Boat House.

Section B. The President, or in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings. In the event of the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents the meeting shall appoint a Chairman *pro tem*.

Section C. The Secretary shall keep records of all meetings, files of all correspondence and a register of the names and addresses of all members. It shall also be his duty to issue the required notice of all meetings, and to notify candidates for membership of their election.

Section D. The Treasurer shall manage the finances of the Club, subject to the control of the Managing Committee, and shall at all times have his accounts ready for the inspection of the Committee. To him shall all payments of money due the Club be made.

Section E. The Captain shall have charge of the Boat House, boats and attendants; he shall see that the property is kept in good repair, and that all contracts are faithfully executed; he shall be responsible for the conduct of the members at the Boat House, and shall report all infringements of rules to the Managing Committee. He shall be ex-officio Chairman of all Regatta or Race Committees, and shall select all crews subject to the approval of such



Committees. He shall report to each meeting of the Managing Committee any expenditure incurred for repairs.

#### V.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Section A. Applicants for Membership must be proposed by a member and an application made in writing to the Secretary, who shall post the application in the Club Rooms and a copy thereof in the Boat House, during the rowing season, for four days, and then submit it to the Managing Committee, together with any objection which may be filed with him against the applicant. The Managing Committee shall then by ballot elect or reject any such candidate. All candidates so elected shall be deemed members of the Club until they send a written resignation to the Secretary or are expelled.

Section B. One half of the dues for the first year must be handed to the Secretary with each application for membership.

#### VI.—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Section A. The Annual Subscription shall be \$7.50, payable on May 1st, or October 1st, for the ensuing twelve months. *All* members *must* present their certificate of membership for the ensuing season to the Caretaker before using the Boats.

~~Section B. The Subscription for Room Privileges shall be \$10 per annum, payable for the ensuing twelve months on May 1st or on October 1st, at the option of the member paying.~~

~~Section C. A rebate of \$2.50 will be made to members paying both subscriptions during the month of May in any year.~~

Section **B**. The name of any member whose subscription is not paid within forty-five days from these dates, or from the date of his election, shall be posted in the Rooms and Boat House (during the rowing season) for fifteen days, and if it is not then paid his name shall be struck off the register, and he shall not be eligible for re-election until the amount due is paid.

All subscriptions shall be paid to the Treasurer.

### VII.—EXPULSIONS.

Section A. Any member guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or persistent violation of the rules, shall be liable to expulsion, and may be expelled by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a meeting of the Club called for that purpose, due notice being given to the member concerned.

Section B. Any member using the personal property of another member, kept at the Boat House

or Rooms, without the written consent of the owner shall render himself liable to expulsion.

Section C. Any damages to the property of the Club shall be repaired by the Managing Committee, and if the same be caused through the negligence or misconduct of any member he shall, within a reasonable time, pay to the Managing Committee the cost of such repairs, otherwise be liable to expulsion as provided in sub-section A.

#### *VIII.—BOAT HOUSE AND ROOMS.*

Section A. The Boat House shall be open and the boats at the disposal of members each day during the rowing season, Sundays excepted.

Section B. The Club Rooms shall be open to members until twelve o'clock each night, but not later except at the discretion of the Managing Committee for special occasions.

Section C. No intoxicating liquors of any description shall be allowed on the Club's premises.

Section D. No games shall be played on Sunday.

Section E. No gambling of any kind shall be permitted in the Club Rooms or Boat House.

#### *IX.—PRIVILEGES OF THE CLUB.*

Visitors to the City shall be allowed the full privileges for two weeks; candidates for admission

to membership may be allowed the privileges of the Club Rooms only for one week. All such visitors or candidates must be introduced by a member, who shall enter their names together with his own in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall thereby become responsible for any damage to the Club's property or for any infringement of the rules by persons so introduced. Privileges shall in no case be extended to residents of the City other than candidates for admission.

#### *X.—REGATTAS.*

Regattas shall be held at the discretion of the Managing Committee.

#### *XI.—PRIVATE BOATS.*

Any member shall have the right to place his private boat in the Boat House, subject to the approval of the Managing Committee.

#### *XII.—LANDING BOATS.*

Every member on landing from a Club boat shall be bound to assist in housing the boat, and in doing so shall follow the direction of the officer in charge or the caretaker.

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*XIII.—SWIMMING.*

Swimming may be indulged in by members at all times, but they shall always be required to wear a full bathing suit.

*XIV.—RULES.*

Section A. The Managing Committee shall from time to time make such rules and regulations as they shall deem necessary to govern the use of the boats and other property of the Club, and the conduct of members while using the Club privileges.

Section B. All such rules and regulations shall be printed and kept posted in the Club Rooms and Boat House.

Section C. Any member objecting to any such rule or regulation shall have the right to bring the same before any regular meeting of the Club for discussion and alteration, rejection, or approval by the members present.

*XV.—DEFINITION OF AMATEUR.*

An amateur is one who has never competed for a money prize, or staked bet, or with or against any professional for any prize, or who has never taught,

pursued or assisted in the practice of athletic exercise as a means of obtaining a livelihood, or who has never entered any competition under a name other than his own.

#### *XVI.—BYE-LAWS.*

These bye-laws may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose, or any general meeting, after the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Managing Committee and posted for two weeks prior to such meeting.

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## SWIMMING.

*Rules adopted by the M.P.A.A.A.*

*Section 1.* Officials shall consist of a Referee, three Judges at the finish, three Time-keepers, one Starter, one Clerk of the Course, with assistants, if necessary.

*Section 2.* Duties and powers of these officials shall be the same as is prescribed for them in the foregoing rules.

*Section 3.* In the 100 yards Swimming Race, each competitor shall stand with one or both feet on the starting line, and when the signal is given, shall plunge. Stepping back either before or after the signal, will not be allowed.

*Section 4.* The half-mile and one-mile start shall be the same as the 100 yards, except that competitors may start in the water (tread-water start) from an imaginary line.

*Section 5.* A competitor shall keep a straight course, parallel with the course of the other competitors, from his starting station to the opposite point in the finish line. Competitors will be started ten feet apart, and each one is entitled to a straight lane of water, ten feet wide, from start to finish. Any contestant who, when out of his own water, shall touch another competitor, is liable to disqualification from that event—subject to the discretion of the Referee.

*Section 6.* Each competitor shall have finished the race when any part of his person reaches the finish line.

## **LAWS OF BOAT RACING.**

*(As adopted by the Canadian Association  
of Amateur Oarsmen.)*

### **STARTING.**

1. All boat races shall be started in the following manner: The Starter, on being satisfied that the competitors are ready, shall give the signal to start.
2. If the Starter considers the start false, he shall at once recall the boats to their stations; and any boat refusing to start again shall be disqualified.
3. Any boat not at its post at the time specified shall be liable to be disqualified by the Umpire.
4. The Umpire may act as Starter if he thinks fit; where he does not so act, the Starter shall be subject to the control of the Umpire.
5. Boats shall be started by their sterns, and shall have completed their course when the bows reach the finish.

### **WATER.**

6. A boat's own water is its straight course, parallel with those of the other competing boats, from the station assigned to it at the start to the finish.
7. Each boat shall keep its own water throughout the race, and any boat departing from its own water will do so at its peril.
8. The Umpire shall be sole judge of a boat's own water and proper course during the race.



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**FOULS.**

9. It shall be considered a foul, when, after the race has commenced, any competitor, by his oar, boat or person comes in contact with the oar, boat, or person of another competitor; unless, in the opinion of the Umpire, such contact is so slight as not to influence the race.

10. No fouling whatever shall be allowed; the boat committing a foul shall be disqualified.

11. The Umpire may, during a race, caution any competitor when in danger of committing a foul.

12. The Umpire shall decide all questions as to a foul.

13. A claim of foul must be made to the Umpire by the competitor himself, and if possible, before getting out of his boat.

14. In case of a foul, the Umpire shall have the power—(a.) To place the boats (except the boat committing the foul, which is disqualified) in the order in which they come in. (b.) To order the boats engaged in the race, other than the boat committing the foul, to row over again on the same or another day. (c.) To re-start the qualified boats from the place where the foul was committed.

**ACCIDENTS.**

15. Every boat shall abide by its accidents, except when during a race, a boat while in its own water shall be interfered with by any outside boat, the Umpire may order the race to be rowed over, if in his opinion, such interference materially affected its chances of winning the race.

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### ASSISTANCE.

16. No boat shall be allowed to accompany a competitor for the purpose of directing his course or affording him other assistance. The boat receiving such direction or assistance shall be disqualified at the discretion of the Umpire.

### UMPIRE.

17. The jurisdiction of the Umpire extends over the race and all matters connected with it from the time the race is specified to start until its final termination, and his decision in all cases shall be final and without appeal.

18. The Judge-at-the-Finish shall report to the Umpire the order in which the competing boats cross the line, but the decision of the race shall rest with and be declared by the Umpire.

19. Any competitor refusing to abide by the decision, or to follow the directions, of the Umpire, shall be disqualified.

20. The Umpire, if he thinks proper, may reserve his decision, provided that in every case such decision be given on the day of the race.

21. Contestants rowing a dead heat shall compete again after such interval as may be appointed, and the contestant refusing to so row shall be adjudged to have lost the race.

### TURNING RACES.

22. In turning races each competitor shall have a separate turning stake, and shall turn from port to starboard. Any competitor may turn any stake other than his own, but does so at his peril.

